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**From:** Latimer, Becky  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 18, 2019 10:13 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** 2019-290-WS

Dear Ms. Samantha Reynolds,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your Letter of Protest/Comments to the Public Service Commission of South Carolina. Your Letter of Protest/Comments will be placed in the Protest File of the Docket listed below and on the Commission's Website at [www.psc.sc.gov](http://www.psc.sc.gov).

- Docket No. 2019-290-WS - Application of Blue Granite Water Company for Approval to Adjust Rate Schedules and Increase Rates

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According to the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, filing a Protest does not make you a Party of Record. A Protestant desiring to become an Intervenor (i.e., a Party of Record) in a proceeding before the Commission may file a Petition for Intervention within the time prescribed by the Commission.

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Docket No. 2019-290-WS - Application of Blue Granite Water Company for Approval to Adjust Rate Schedules and Increase Rates <https://dms.psc.sc.gov/Web/Dockets/Detail/117247>

If we may be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,  
Becky Latimer

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\* Required Fields

Date: 12-16-2019

**Letter of Protest  
in Docket 2019-290\_\_ - WS**

**Protestant Information:**

Name Samantha Reynolds

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City Irmo

State SC

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**1. What is your connection or interest in this case? \* For example, are you a customer of the Company that is the subject of this pending proceeding? (This section must be completed. Attach additional information if necessary.)**

I am a current unwilling customer of Carolina Water Services turned Blue Granite. Once again filing another protest letter to the increasingly unfair and illogical increase in sewer rate services.

**2. Please give a concise statement of your protest. \* (This section must be completed. Attach additional information if necessary.)**

Within 5 years the rate has increased from \$45 monthly to now a proposed over \$100. I get it, the original company literally dumped raw sewage into the river for years without remorse or actual consequences as the EPA did nothing more than issue citations and no actual penalty. I get that you had to take over a dying company that literally screwed everyone over to line their own pockets, jumped ship, and even sued for even more money for the sale of this company. I get that you are having to back track and repair lines and service ways. However this by no means justifies this ridiculous proposed rate increase. Not only do we have the highest sewer rates in the Tri State area, meaning I looked up service lines and monthly rates for NC, GA, and upper FL, but our monthly rate is not even based upon usage, like any normal company utilizes. There is no such thing as a utility company that provides gas, electric, water, or sewage that charges an astronomic flat charge. Base fee, yes, then further use incurs further charges, but nothing like the rates you are suggesting. This is wrong, this is criminal (or rather should be), and this is unfair.

Yes

**3. Do you wish to make an appearance at a hearing in this proceeding, if scheduled, and offer sworn testimony? \***